
Much of the 11th Congressional District is known as a major global transportation center in the United States. It sits at the crossroads of an expansive highway, transit, water and rail network. Due to major transportation activity in the area and significant population growth over the past few years, people and goods rely heavily on the area for economic growth and success. It is imperative that the transportation infrastructure in the 11th District is maintained and developed in order for communities to prosper and thrive.

The highway authorization bill approves significant highway, transit, and rail projects across the country. At this time, Congress is taking steps to prepare for the next highway authorization bill, which will provide funding for and authorize projects throughout the United States for the years 2010 through 2016. This is an excellent opportunity to promote worthy local projects while seeking the available funding.

Because Congresswoman Debbie Halvorson is committed to the highest standards of disclosure, transparency - and the most efficient use of taxpayer dollars, she is taking unprecedented steps to ensure that the highway authorization process works on behalf of the interests of her constituency in the 11th District.

With that goal in mind, Congresswoman Halvorson has listed below all project requests submitted to the Transportation Committee on behalf of the 11th District, including the name of the location of the project, the amount, and a description of the project.

While Congresswoman Halvorson recognizes a great need for investment in communities throughout the district, the process limits the number of projects that can be presented for serious consideration. Additionally, in order to ensure that each project submitted is a valuable use of taxpayer dollars, the Congresswoman will be proposing projects based on the below criteria:

- a. **Regionally Significant:** The project is important to a substantial portion of the 11th Congressional District.
- b. **Transformative:** The project has the potential to have a real impact on the local economy and will put the 11th District at the forefront of the new energy economy.

- c. **Cost-Effective:** The project uses limited funds in an efficient manner in order to produce greater impact on the quality of life or economic development in the community.
- d. **Job Creators:** The project creates or attracts jobs; will bolster the 11th District's competitive advantage in the global economy.
- e. **Eligibility:** The project complies with eligibility requirements set forth by the Appropriations Subcommittees; this includes local and state matching funds, using the funds during Fiscal Year 10, and other requirements under federal law.

Please note that the submission of projects does not guarantee funding or funding amounts. After submission, the House Transportation Committee considers requests from all Members of the House of Representatives and at the appropriate time, will decide which projects will receive funding and at what dollar amount.

The Transportation Committees will make their final decision on what projects will receive funding, which will be followed by a final passage of Appropriations bills later in the year.

"We are a vital transportation hub in the country and I applaud each project submitted," said Halvorson. "Although only a few projects may receive funding when the process is complete, I encourage all communities in the District to continue working with me and my office as we grow and develop for an even better tomorrow."

- **I-55 at IL 59 Interchange Improvements and Access**
- Description: This funding will be used for improvements to the existing partial interchange at I-55 and IL-59.
- Amount: \$108,000,000
- Location: City of Joliet

- **Joliet Regional Multi-Modal Transportation Center**

- Description: This funding will be used for the construction of the Joliet Regional Multi-Modal Transportation Center.

- Amount: \$36,000,000

- Location: City of Joliet

- **U.S. Rte. 34 - City of Mendota**

- Description: This funding will be used for widening U.S. Rte. 34 (FAP 587) within the City of Mendota from Interstate 39 (FAI 39) to First Avenue (FAU 6011).

- Amount: \$20,000,000

- Location: City of Mendota

- **Southbound Illinois Route 23 Downtown Re-alignment Phase I and II Engineering and Right-of-Way Acquisition**

- Description: This funding will be used for Phase I, Phase II Engineering Services and Right-of-Way purchase for the re-alignment of Southbound Illinois Route 23 in downtown Ottawa.

- Amount: \$2,480,000

- Location: City of Ottawa

- **Brisbin Road Interchange at I-80 in Grundy County, Illinois**

- Description: This funding will be used for construction of a new interchange on Interstate 80 at Brisbin Road, Grundy County, Illinois.

- Amount: \$24,760,000

- Location: County of Grundy

- **Manteno-DeSelm Road Improvements, Section 08-00286-00-FP**

- Description: This funding will be used for improving the Manteno-DeSelm Road from US Route 45/52 to Interstate 57.
- Amount: \$4,000,000
- Location: County of Kankakee

- **Etna Road and Champlain Street Reconstruction**

- Description: This funding will be used for the reconstruction of both Etna Road and Champlain Street (County Highway 20) within the corporate limits of the City of Ottawa beginning at Illinois Route 23 and extending easterly and southerly for 1.95 miles.
- Amount: \$5,400,000
- Location: County of LaSalle

- **Briggs Street (CH 54)/CN Grade Separation**

- Description: This funding will be used for engineering, right-of-way acquisition and construction of a grade separation on Briggs Street (County Highway 54) at the CN Railroad crossing.
- Amount: \$28,224,000
- Location: County of Will

- **Gougar Road (CH 52)/CN Grade Separation**

- Description: This funding will be used for engineering, right-of-way acquisition and construction of a grade separation on Gougar Road (County Highway 52) at the CN Railroad crossing.
- Amount: \$24,984,000
- Location: County of Will

- **Illiana Expressway Extension Study**

- Description: This funding will be used for the corridor Study for the Illiana Expressway extension from Interstate 57 west to Interstate 55
- Amount: \$5,000,000
- Location: County of Will

- **Interstate 80 Expansion Study**

- Description: This funding will be used for the phase one studies including preliminary engineering, environmental studies and public involvement for the construction of additional lanes on Interstate I-80, from US 30 west to the Grundy County line.

- Amount: \$10,000,000

- Location: County of Will

- **Preliminary Engineering for Reconstruction of Laraway Road**

- Description: This funding will be used for the preliminary engineering for the reconstruction of Laraway Road from US Route 52 to IL Route 43 from 2-lanes to 5-lanes.

- Amount: \$10,000,000

- Location: County of Will

- **Veterans Memorial Trail**

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- Description: This funding will be used to construct the Veterans Memorial Trail along the Veterans Memorial Tollway from 127th Street in Lemont to US Route 6 in New Lenox and west along 135th Street from the Tollway to the Centennial Trail in Romeoville, Illinois.

- Amount: \$5,160,000

- Location: County of Will

- **Metra SouthEast Service Line**

- Description: This funding will be used for preliminary engineering on the SouthEast Service Line project.

- Amount: (N/A)

- Location: Northeast Illinois

- **Metra STAR Line**

- Description: This funding will be used for preliminary engineering on the STAR Line project.

- Amount: (N/A)
- Location: Northeast Illinois

- **Normal Multimodal Transportation Center**

- Description: This funding will be used for construction of the Normal Multimodal Transportation Center including facilities for adjacent public uses.

- Amount: \$16,000,000
- Location: Town of Normal

- **Interstate 57/6000N Road Interchange**

- Description: This funding will be used for engineering Phase 2 and construction of an Interchange at Interstate 57 and 6000N Road.

- Amount: \$43,200,000
- Location: Village of Bourbonnais

- **Interstate 55 and U.S. Route 6 Interchange Reconstruction**

- Description: This funding will be used for the reconstruction of the Interstate 55 and U.S. Route 6 Interchange.

- Amount: \$28,000,000
- Location: Village of Channahon

- **Burville Road Reconstruction - Il. Rt. 1 to Il. Rt. 394**

- Description: This funding will be used for reconstruction of Burville Road from Illinois Route 1 to Illinois Route 394

- Amount: \$16,600,000

- Location: Village of Crete

- **Canadian National Railroad Noise Mitigation and Crossing Safety Enhancements**

- Description: This funding will be used for mitigation of noise and enhancement of safety, including grade crossing gates, along the Canadian National Railroad within the Village of Frankfort (Harlem Avenue to Schoolhouse Road).

- Amount: \$4,000,000

- Location: Village of Frankfort

- **U.S. Route 30 Right of Way Acquisition**

- Description: This funding will be used for the improvement of U.S. Route 30 from Harlem Avenue (Frankfort) to Williams Street (New Lenox).

- Amount: \$6,000,000

- Location: Village of Frankfort

- **Gougar Road Extension**

- Description: This funding will be used to/for: the extension of Gougar Road from Laraway Road to US 52.

- Amount: \$12,000,000

- Location: Village of Manhattan

- **Minooka Road Bridge Widening**

- Description: This funding will be used for widening the Minooka Road Bridge over Interstate 80.

- Amount: \$3,200,000

- Location: Village of Minooka

- **Schoolhouse Road Roadway and Pedestrian Improvements, Traffic Signal Installations and At-Grade Railroad Crossing Improvements**

- Description: This funding will be used to provide roadway widening, installation of bicycle and pedestrian paths; improve at-grade railroad crossing and the installation of new traffic signals.

- Amount: \$4,424,000

- Location: Village of Mokena

- **Schoolhouse/CN Grade Separation**

- Description: This funding will be used for a grade separation bridge structure for Schoolhouse Road at the EJ&E/CN railroad line to support a 5-lane cross section to accommodate traffic and improve mobility.

- Amount: \$25,600,000
- Location: Village of New Lenox

- **Rathje Road Reconstruction**

- Description: This funding will be used for the reconstruction of Rathje Road from Corning Avenue to Joliet Road.
- Amount: \$1,680,000
- Location: Village of Peotone

- **US Route 6; Interstate 80 to IL Route 170**

- Description: This funding will be used for reconstruction and widening the I-80 / Seneca Road interchange and approximately 5.0 miles of US Route 6 from Interstate 80 to IL Route 170.
- Amount: \$32,000,000
- Location: Village of Seneca

- **US Route 52 Widening - River Rd to County Line Rd**

- Description: This funding will be used for the widening and resurfacing of US Route 52 between River Road and County Line Road in Shorewood, IL.
- Amount: \$10,000,000

Location: Village of Shorewood